

## STOCKS AND BONDS

Listless Character of the Trading Still a Feature.

## GAINS WIRE SLOWLY YIELDED

St. Paul the Exception, Several Distinct Buying Movements Lifting the Price a Stage Higher Each Time—Professional Operations.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, May 17.—There were a few more shares dealt in on the stock exchange today than on yesterday, but the listless character of the trading was not altered. The market showed the same disposition to yield the day's extreme changes, the only difference being that yesterday those changes were declines made in the first hour and followed by a slow movement of retrieval, while today the only considerable gains were established during the first hour and were slowly yielded afterwards.

The exception was St. Paul, which made its highest prices later in the day, responding to several distinct buying movements which lifted the price a stage higher each time. Those operations were attributed very largely to professional account and the many rumors about to account for them associated St. Paul and Northern Pacific in one way or another.

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, \$1,905,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

Total sales stock, 626,500 shares.

Closing prices:

Atchafalca ..... 81 5/8

Atchafalca pfd ..... 101 7/8

Atlantic Coast Line ..... 152 1/2

Baltimore & Ohio ..... 108

Baltimore & Ohio pfd ..... 96 1/2

Canadian Pacific ..... 148

Central of New Jersey ..... 197

Chesapeake & Ohio ..... 49 1/8

Chicago & Alton ..... 33

Chicago & Alton pfd ..... 76

Chicago & Great West ..... 20 3/8

Chicago & Northwestern ..... 217

Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul ..... 178 1/8

Chicago Term. & Trans. pfd ..... 17 1/4

C. C. & St. Louis ..... 31 1/2

Colorado Southern ..... 98

Colorado Southern 1st pfd ..... 27

Colorado Southern 2nd pfd ..... 34 1/2

Delaware & Hudson ..... 184 5/8

Delaware, Lacka. & West ..... 370

Denver & Rio Grande ..... 29 1/2

Denver & Rio Grande pfd ..... 87 5/8

Erie ..... 42

Erie 1st pfd ..... 78 1/4

Erie 2nd pfd ..... 66

Hocking Valley ..... 85

Hocking Valley pfd ..... 92

Illinois Central ..... 160

Iowa Central ..... 49

Iowa Central pfd ..... 27

Kansas City Southern ..... 61 1/2

Louisville & Nashville ..... 144 3/4

Manhattan L. ..... 144 1/2

Metropolitan Securities ..... 75 3/4

Metropolitan St. Ry. ..... 116 1/2

Mexican Central ..... 21 1/8

Minneapolis & St. Louis ..... 58

Minn. St. P. & St. Ste. M. pfd ..... 116

Missouri Pacific ..... 96 7/8

Missouri, Kan. & Texas ..... 26 1/4

Missouri, Kan. & Texas pfd ..... 59 1/2

National R. R. of Mexico pfd ..... 35 1/4

New York Central ..... 142 1/2

N. Y. Ontario & Western ..... 49 1/4

Norfolk & Western ..... 78

Norfolk & Western pfd ..... 92 1/2

Pennsylvania ..... 135 3/4

Pittsburg, O. C. & St. Louis ..... 73

Reading ..... 92 5/8

Reading 1st pfd ..... 91 1/2

Reading 2nd pfd ..... 85 3/4

Rock Island Co. pfd ..... 28 3/4

Rock Island Co. pfd ..... 73 1/2

St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd ..... 65 1/2

St. Louis Southwestern ..... 21 1/2

Southern Pacific ..... 62 3/8

Southern Pacific pfd ..... 118 5/8

Southern Railway ..... 30 1/4

Southern Railway pfd ..... 95 1/8

Texas & Pacific ..... 33

Toledo, St. Louis & West ..... 35

Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd ..... 56

Union Pacific ..... 122 1/4

Union Pacific pfd ..... 96 3/4

Wabash ..... 19

Wabash pfd ..... 19

Wheeling & Lake Erie ..... 16

Wisconsin Central ..... 22 3/4

Wisconsin Central pfd ..... 49 1/4

Northern Pacific ..... 189 1/4

Express Companies.

Adams ..... 243

American Car & Foundry ..... 236

United States ..... 122

Wells-Fargo ..... 244

Miscellaneous.

Amalgamated Copper ..... 83 5/8

American Car & Foundry ..... 25 1/2

American Car & Foundry pfd ..... 97 1/4

American Cotton Oil ..... 32 1/4

American Cotton Oil pfd ..... 94

American Ice ..... 5

American Ice pfd ..... 37 1/2

American Lumber Oil ..... 19

United States Leather ..... 11 1/4  
United States Leather pfd ..... 108  
United States Realty ..... 87  
United States Rubber ..... 40 1/2  
United States Rubber pfd ..... 107 1/2  
United States Steel ..... 30 1/8  
United States Steel pfd ..... 97 3/8  
Virginia-Carolina Chemical ..... 34 3/4  
Virginia-Carolina Chem. pfd ..... 106 1/2  
Westinghouse Electric ..... 169  
Western Union ..... 93

Chicago Grain Market.  
CHICAGO, May 17.—Heavy profit taking resulting from improved weather conditions in the Northwest caused a setback in wheat prices here today. At the close the price of wheat for July delivery was off 1 1/4@1 3/8. July corn is up 3/8 cent. Oats and provisions are practically unchanged. The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles. Opening. Closing

Wheat No. 2—

May ..... 94 1/4 ..... 94 1/2

July ..... 87 1/4@1 1/2 ..... 86 1/2

Sept. .... 80 1/2@58 ..... 80 1/2

Corn No. 2—

May ..... 53 @54 1/4 ..... 53 1/2

July, old ..... 48 1/4@38 ..... 48 3/8

July, new ..... 48 1/4@38 ..... 48 1/4

Sept., old ..... 47 3/8@48 ..... 47 3/4

Sept., new ..... 47 5/8 ..... 47 5/8

Oats No. 2—

May ..... 31 1/4 ..... 31 1/4

July ..... 29 1/2 ..... 29 1/2

Sept. .... 28 1/4 ..... 28 1/8@1 1/4

Mess Pork, per bbl.—

May ..... 1245

July ..... 1265

Sept. .... 1287

Lard, per 100 lbs.—

May ..... 725

July ..... 737

Sept. .... 755

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—

May ..... 710

July ..... 730

Sept. .... 755

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat,

100@102; No. 3, 94@101; 2 red,

96 1/2@99 1/8; No. 2 corn, 52 1/2; No.

2 yellow, 53 3/4; No. 2 oats, 31 1/4; No.

2 white, 33@34; No. 3 white, 31 1/2@

32 1/2; No. 2 rye, 77@78; good feeding

barley, 37@40; fair to choice malting,

46@49; No. 1 flax seed, 126; No. 1

Northwestern, 142; prime timothy

seed, 295; mess pork, per bbl., 1245@

1250; lard, per 100 lbs., 725@725; short

rib sides, (loose), 705@715; short

clear sides (boxed), 712@725; whiskey,

basis of high wines, 126; clover, con-

tract grade, 1175@1225.

Baltimore Produce Market.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 17.—Flour—

firm; winter patent, 515@535; spring

patent, 555@580.

Wheat—Easier and dull; spot con-

tract, 103 1/2@104; May, 103 1/2@104;

Southern by sample, 90@103.

Corn—Quiet; spot and May, 55@114;

Southern white, 52@55 1/2.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 34@112.

Rye—Dull; No. 2 Western, 83.

Butter—Steady, unchanged; fancy

imitation, 22@23; fancy creamery, 24

@25.

Eggs—Steady, unchanged, 16 1/2.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Sugar—Steady.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Money on

call easy, 2@2 1/2 per cent; closing

bid, 2; offered at 2 1/4; time money,

easy and dull; sixty days and ninety

days, 3 1/4 per cent; six months, 3 1/4

@ 3 1/2; prime mercantile paper, 3 1/4

@ 3 1/2; sterling exchange, firm with ac-

count business in bankers' bills at 48.80

@ 48.85 for demand and at 48.65@

48.70 for sixty day bills; posted rates,

485 1/2 and 487 1/2; commercial bills,

484 5/8@112; bar silver, 57 3/4; Mexi-

can dollars, 44 1/4.

GROWN IN AMERICA.

Palms For Palm Sunday Are No

Longer Imported.

"The fact is not generally known,"

remarked a Washington florist, "that

practically all the palms used on Palm

Sunday in the churches of this city are

grown in the United States. The com-

mon impression seems to be that the

plants come from foreign climes. This,

however, is a mistake. Years ago they

did, but immense nurseries have been

established in Philadelphia and about

New York, where they are grown from

seeds secured from Arabia and other

tropical countries."

"How about the little sprigs of palms

that are distributed to congregations?"

"Oh, they are native to this country,"

was the reply. "They are stripplings

from the palmetto trees found so plen-

tifully in the gulf states. The process

of gathering them is somewhat inter-

esting, too," the florist continued after

seeing an immense plant properly

placed on the wagon. "The work of

gathering the sprigs for Palm Sunday

throughout the United States has

grown to large proportions, and many

hundreds of people are employed.

"The best palmetto plants are to be

found in the dense swamps and bayous.

## THE FALL OF MAN.

East African Natives Have a Legend That Tells the Story.

Among the Masai, a native tribe in German East Africa, is found the following story of the creation, which, according to Dr. Emil Reich, they could not have got from missionaries. Dr. Reich thinks that the Christian, Masai and Babylonian accounts had a common origin in Arabia: "In the beginning the earth was a waste and barren wilderness in which there dwelt a dragon alone. Then God came down from heaven, fought with the dragon and vanquished it. From the dragon's blood, which was water, the barren rock wilderness was made fertile, and the spot where the struggle between God and the dragon took place became paradise. Thereafter God created all things—sun, moon, stars, plants and beasts and finally two human beings. The man was sent down from heaven and was called Maltumbe, and the woman, Nattergorob, sprang from the bosom of the earth.

"God led them into paradise, where they lived an untroubled existence. Of all the fruits therein they might eat by God's permission; of one tree alone they might not taste. Often God came down to see them, when he climbed down a ladder from heaven. But one day he was unable for a long time to find them, but finally discovered them crouching among the bushes. On being asked the meaning of his conduct Maltumbe replied that they were ashamed because they had eaten of the forbidden fruit. Nattergorob gave me of the fruit," he said, "and persuaded me to eat it after she had eaten of it herself." "Nattergorob sought to excuse herself by saying, 'The three-headed serpent came to me and said that by tasting the fruit we should become like unto thee and almighty.' Then was Ngai (God) wroth and banished the two first human beings from paradise. He sent Rilgen, the morning star, to drive man out of paradise and to keep watch thereafter."

## A QUEER POSTOFFICE.

How Mail Was Delivered in the Old Days of Leadville.

"Speaking of bad towns," said one of the Kansas City (Kan.) officials who had crossed the plains in the early days of the west, "reminds me of old Leadville, Colo., when everybody had the gold fever and law and justice hinged on the mighty Colt.

"The town was full of holdup men, and it was hardly safe for one to go on the streets after dark; but, as many crooks, murderers and 'bad men' as there were in the town, there was hardly ever a case of petty thievery. Every store was wide open and unguarded, and the merchandise was perfectly safe too.

"A large postoffice business was done in Leadville at that time. The postmaster was an old German. The great number of incoming gold seekers increased the amount of mail until the postmaster became unable to handle it. He then dumped the mail in the middle of the floor, and everybody came in and went through it, taking one's own letters and papers. The stack of mail was sometimes four and five feet high, and fifteen or twenty men were always gathered around it. Perfect order prevailed, and no one took any mail except his own.

"A government detective happened around one day and told the postmaster that he would have to discontinue this free for all method of handling the mail. The old man got mad, and, summoning the patrons of the office, they tarred and feathered the detective and rode him out of town on a rail. It was a long time before the office was run according to the rules of the department, but there was never a complaint against the old German postmaster."—Kansas City Star.

## The Young Doctor's Critics.

"The young doctor has a hard row to hoe," remarked a physician at a recent dinner. "If he does not own a horse and carriage the people say he cannot have a large practice. If he does own a horse which happens to be fat the people insist that he cannot have much work to do. If, on the other hand, the horse happens to be bony they circulate the news that the doctor keeps his horse only for show and is so hard up that he can't afford to feed the animal properly."—New York Press.

## Ornamented Teeth.

The admiration which Bob felt for his Aunt Margaret included all her attributes and even possessions which the aunt herself was not wont to consider desirable.

"I don't care much for plain teeth like mine, Aunt Margaret," said Bob one day after a long silence, during which he had watched her in laughing conversation with his mother. "I wish I had some copper-toed ones like yours."

## Tableau.

He—Do you remember your old school friend Sophie Smythe? She—Yes, indeed I do. A most absurd looking thing. So silly too! What became of her? He—Oh, nothing. Only I married her.—Illustrated Bits.

## A Natural Deceit.

Miss Coquet (to servant)—Tell Mr. Sharpe that I am engaged. Mr. Sharpe (to servant)—Tell Miss Coquet that I expressed a curiosity to know whom she is engaged to now.

## An Excuse.

Patience—What reason had she for marrying him? Patience—Why, he had money. Patience—That is not a reason; that is an excuse.—Gateway Magazine.

## The charity that hastens to proclaim

its good deeds ceases to be charity and is only pride and ostentation.—Hutton.



## 'A Bird in the Hand'

is worth two in the bush," so don't run around trying to find finer whiskies than you can find here, and waste valuable time. You will never be able to match our choice velvety whiskies or our fine glass and brandies no matter where you go, and you will always find our prices reasonable.

We also supply the family trade with bottled beer, delivered anywhere in the city.

## NEWPORT NEWS WINE

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